What is claimed is:

- 1. An improved method for treating highly treatment experienced HIV-infected patients, which method comprises administering tipranavir in combination with an inhibitor of Cyp3A4.
- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the inhibitor of Cyp3A4 is ritonavir.
- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the tipranavir, inhibitor of Cyp3A4 and capravirine 10 are administered in further combination with an optimized background regimen comprising at least one nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor.